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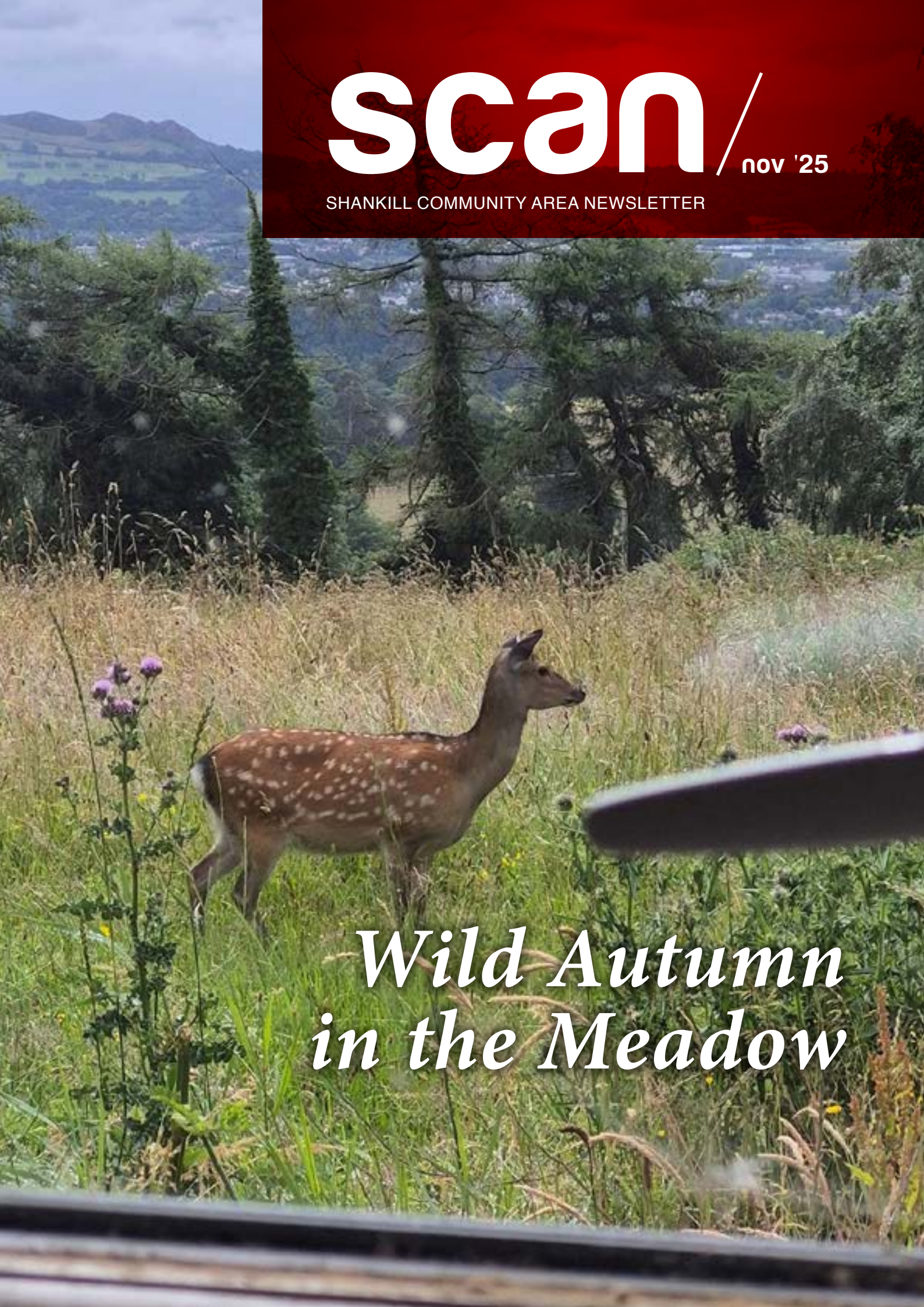

Wild Autumn in the Meadow

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EDITORIAL

We trust you will find something to interest you in this issue of Scan. You might like to read about the American Tea Party and the presentation of Community Awards to those who helped to make Shankill a better place. The students in St. Anne's School were busy interviewing new teachers about their careers, hobbies etc. while students at Woodbrook College were treated to a master class in bread making. You might also like to know about "The Community Cup", Shankill Senior Centre's brand-new community coffee dock. Kevin O'Donoghue poses a challenge this month - name the rock on Shankill Beach depicted in his painting. Send your answers to ***scanshankill10@gmail.com*** subject **THE ROCK**.

LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.
We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help?
You can call us directly at 087-696 2785. Alternately, call **01 855 0022** or go online at ***www.svp.ie.***

SHANKILL DAY CARE CENTRE BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday November 1st and the following one will be on December 6th. Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. 10a.m. – 1p.m.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day *(limited to two bags per person)*. All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November and the December meeting will be on Wednesday 10th. Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. (100m from the main street, car parking available). Time 7.45 p.m.-10p.m., including tea break.

Come along and enjoy some lovely music, a cuppa and chat. The music will be as always: a varied programme of classical music on CDs covering many genres *(orchestral, instrumental, vocal, opera etc.)* in a friendly setting. Visitors and new and returning members are always welcome. You don't need to be an expert! Charge is €2 on the night *(waived for first visit)*. For further info phone or text Malcolm at **085 852 8216.**

SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE

Following on from our successful Monthly Patient Information Sessions in Shankill Health Centre; we are continuing for the remainder of the year with the topics below. All welcome to attend:

4/11/2025 Community Nursing - Service Pathways and Q&A

2/12/2025 Exercise to Thrive in the Golden Years (Bring your Trainers) - Dr John Langan

Venue: Shankill Primary Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08
Time: 13:00 to 13:45

RIP, DERMOT FARRELLY

The wife and family of the late Dermot Farrelly would like to thank everyone concerned most sincerely for your kind expressions of sympathy on our recent bereavement. Thank you to those who attended the funeral home, the family home, the mass and the burial and all those who sent messages of condolences including mass cards.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. May Dermot's soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen.

Ta me cinnte go bfuil se ina shui ar dheis De anois...ag cannibh amhrain

The Farrelly Family.

HOLDING GRIEF AND LOVE IN DECEMBER

by Andrea Hayes - Bethany Team Member

This December, grief feels especially close. My beloved mother-in-law, Mary, passed away suddenly this year and our family is still adjusting to her absence. The holiday season, once full of her warmth, presence, and cherished festive traditions, now carry a tender ache. Yet, in this space of sorrow, I also feel immense gratitude for the enduring love she shared with us, which continues to shape our lives.

Grief can feel isolating, but we do not have to navigate it alone. Small acts of remembrance, such as lighting a candle, sharing stories, speaking a loved one's name in prayer—can bring comfort and a sense of connection. The presence of those we grieve does not vanish; it transforms, guiding us through moments of sadness, reflection, and even hope.

For those seeking support this season, the Bethany Bereavement Team in Shankill offers a variety of ways to find help. Their free, confidential listening service is provided by trained volunteers who provide one-to-one support. They also host a Friday drop-in session every first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m., offering a gentle space for reflection and support. Looking ahead, they will run a five-week grief support course in 2026, but places are limited so please contact them directly to hold a place on the free course.

You can contact the team through the Parish Office
St. Anne's Resource Centre
Dublin Road, Shankill, D18 AW68
(01) 282 2704

Or call the Bethany national line directly at **087 9905299**

SHANKILL LIBRARY

We are still doing conservation works in the library. Our normal services are still running.

Patrons can contact branch for further information: ***shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie*** or **Tel: 01 2047224**

Garden Group – Tuesday 18th November 6pm
Interested in gardening? Want to know more? Meet those with all levels and interests in gardening for an informal get together to share tips, tricks and maybe some of their own seeds. Meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Shankill Library. No booking required.

Book Bingo - month of November
Join us this November for Book Bingo. For kids of all ages, explore your library here at Shankill and enjoy some hidden gems. Discover the joys and magic of reading. No booking required. Come play bingo with us.

Nicola Faull - Thursday 20th November 2pm
Join Nicola Faull here with us on Thursday 20th November at 2pm for Adult's Mixed Media. Booking required. Contact the branch at shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or 01 2047224. Lets get mixing.

More information
Keep up to date on DLR library events and services website: ***https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/***

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CLG na Seanchille

Storming down to Wexford
As storm Amy wreaked havoc over most of the country our under 8 Boys Hurling Team headed off to the Sunney South East for a trip to St Martins GAA Club in Piercestown Wexford. Well, the beautiful County of Wexford lived up to its reputation and we enjoyed a lovely calm sunny day. With conditions perfect there was a very high standard of hurling from both teams who showed some fine skills. Both teams were treated to a wonderful afternoon together at the Coal Bunker bar where chips, burgers and ice cream was the order of the day. Wonderful memories made. We would like to thank Amy Ryan from St Martins (any storm connection) for her help in organising the event which is very much appreciated.

Paddy Mullen Manager Men's Team
It was sad to say to good bye to Paddy who has left our club. He joined Shankill as a player and in later years became the coach. From the humble beginnings of the team to where we are now, Paddy played a vital role. A teacher in our local schools for many years Paddy and family have decided to relocate to their native County of Mayo. We wish you and your family every happiness in your new home. Thank you, Paddy, for all that you have done for the Shankill GAA Club.

The American Tea Party
We were delighted to support the fund-raising event for St Annes Church. The "boys" were obviously, "hard at work" enjoying themselves and the evening was a great success.

Gaelscoil Phádraig Baile Breac
The children from the Gaelscoil have been practising hard under the watchful eye of GPO Steve and coach James O Grady. They will be taking on other schools in Hurling and Football matches in the coming season. Also, there are some places available for children in the school contract the Principal for information.

Christmas Trees
Once again, we will be selling freshly cut Wicklow Christmas trees. The trees at popular prices will be available on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December from 9.00am to 3.00pm at St Annes School Stonebridge Road. All sizes of trees are in stock to suit every home or office. Also, for an extra €10 we will collect your tree for recycling on Saturday 3rd January 2026. To book a tree contact Linda 087 2786064 or Jen 085 7088638. Remember when they're gone they're definitely gone.

The Academy
Reminder that the Academy kids and All Stars Group now train down at open space beside the Dart station. Saturday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am just drop in and say hello.

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Shankill FC are delighted to launch our brand new club fundraiser called Split The Pot.
How it works: Participants buy tickets or entries for a chance to win the prize.
Prize Pool Grows: As more entries are sold, the total amount of money collected increases, and so does the potential prize for the winner.
The Split: End of the raffle, the total funds are divided:
50%: goes to the winner of the raffle/**50%**: goes to the club.
Enter here: https://shankillfc.clubzap.com/categories/lotto/products
or scan the QR Code. More details on our website: www.shankillfc.ie

Shankill FC are delighted to host music bingo 🎶 In aid of our club house renovations 🔨 Saturday November 8th in Brady's Lounge.
Come join us for some fun & laughter. Raffle & spot prizes on the night.
🥇⏳ Registration 7pm, Bingo 8pm
€10 per person.
So, grab the gang and come along

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DLR WAVES

Shankill Bowling Club

by Jack Byrne P.R.O.

Our in-house finals event, held on the last weekend of September, was somewhat hindered by bad weather especially for the Bob Jackson (pairs) trophy, which was played in horrendous conditions on the Saturday morning. Both pairs agreed on a reduced number of ends to get at least some of the programme scheduled for the weekend completed, but the weather improved sufficiently in the afternoon to play Saturdays programme in full nevertheless.

The following is a list of winners of each competition,
Saturday: Bob Jackson (pairs) trophy winners, D Monks, B. Barnes. Cryan (singles) D.Swords. SBL. (singles) J.Morgan. Mountain view (singles) C. Shepherd.
Sunday: Alex Tighe Trophy (pairs) Y. Browne. B.Sullivan.
Ladies Championship: Brid Brien.
Men's Championship: Jim Morgan.

Well done to all winners on the weekend and commiserations to all the those in second places, perhaps next season may be your year.

At the prize giving function on Sunday evening club President Martina Doherty bestowed her congratulations to all and presented all those victorious with their winning trophies.

On the summer league campaign, club Captain, Colin Shepherd wishes to convey his thanks to all who made themselves available for selection during the summer and to congratulate our newcomers male and female for their enthusiasm shown whilst thrown in at the deep end. Colin said he was assured with the amount of promise shown by our newcomers and no doubt it was a good testament for the bowling future of Shankill bowling club.

Shankill Bowling club was saddened at the passing of a former Club President (2008/9) Mr. Jack Gilmore, Jack was a master bowler whether indoor on the shortmat or indeed outdoor on larger rinks. The club wishes to extend our sympathies to Anne and his immediate family on his sad passing. May Jack rest in Peace.

With the shortmat season about to commence our indoor section has finalized its teams for competition in an afternoon league (N11) and an evening league in Wicklow (ECBL). Our members wish them luck in their season of games.

The usual Winter season of competition outdoors, due to commence in the third week in October, requires members to commit to competing through to late Spring. All names of those willing to play are selected from lists posted in the clubhouse. The competition usually consists of Saturday and Thursdays and requires at least all of fifty plus members. Shankill Bowling is always open for any interested parties who may wish to join us here at our Quinn's Rd venue adjacent to Shankill Tennis club where you will be sure of a very warm welcome. Drop by and give it a try or contact us on our website ***shankillbowlingclub.ie***

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Christmas Draw Night
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A night of prizes, fun, and festive cheer, don't miss it!

Women's Little Christmas
Saturday, 3rd January 2026
A special day to honour the ladies, more details to follow!

Christmas Day Swim
Thursday, 25th December 2025
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Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

Shankill TidyTowns acquire Leaf Composting Cages

STT recently took delivery of a number of leaf composting cages, which have now been installed in Dorney Court Wood.

Every autumn, STT teams spend hours sweeping up fallen leaves. This is important not just for general tidiness, but also for safety, as the leaves can make footpaths very slippy, particularly when wet.

The compost will be useful at planting time.

Please notes the cages are only for LEAVES!

Community Recognises Volunteers

At the recent St. Anne's Parish American Tea Party, 12 people were recognised for their role in making Shankill a great community, including Tidy Towns volunteer, John Kane. John has been an inspiration to our volunteers over the years and he and his family have been great supporters of TidyTowns.

Another TidyTowns volunteer, Eamonn McGuirk, was recognised for his role in ParkRun.

Recent work on Stonebridge Road

Shankill Tidy Towns Community Walks 2025

Shankill Tree Trail
Slí na Sean-Choille

Sunday 2nd November 2025

2.00pm DART Station Car Park

Shankill TidyTowns, in collaboration with SAGE, are working on a project to establish a Shankill Tree Trail. This special walk offers an opportunity to explore the proposed trail and will be led by Katharine Duff, the project's consultant ecologist

Shankill Tree Trail
Slí na Sean-Choille

The trail is being developed in collaboration with SAGE and co-funded by DLR.

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Update on BusConnects Judicial Review: It looks it's going to take a long time, which is probably good news...

SuperValu TidyTowns

email:
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Shankill TidyTowns

NAME THE ROCK

Kevin O' Donoghue painted this very attractive scene on Shankill Beach. He is wondering if anyone can name the rock which is jutting up from the sea, visible only when the tide is out. Email *scanshankill10@gmail.com*

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ASK the Expert

FINANCE CORNER

I am planning to make an Additional Voluntary Contribution (AVC) to my pension this year, what do I need to consider in terms of choosing the right fund and the best provider?

When it comes to investing your Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs), the decisions you make can have a significant impact on your retirement income. Choosing the right investment funds isn't just about chasing the highest returns, it involves balancing risk, charges, time horizon, and personal circumstances. Here's a breakdown of what you need to consider before selecting AVC funds, and why seeking professional advice is a smart move.

The most important factor in fund selection is determining how much investment risk you are comfortable with.

Investment funds are typically classified as low, medium, or high risk.

- Low-risk funds (e.g. bonds, cash funds) tend to offer more stability but lower growth.
- High-risk funds (e.g. equity or emerging market funds) offer higher potential returns but come with more volatility.

Your age and how far you are from retirement play a big role here. If you're younger, you may afford to take on more risk for higher growth over time. If you're nearing retirement, preserving your capital may be more important.

Your investment time frame matters. Someone in their 30s or 40s contributing to AVCs for another 20+ years might focus more on growth-oriented funds. In contrast, someone in their 60s planning to access their AVCs soon might prefer lower-risk or lifestyle funds that automatically reduce risk as you approach retirement age.

Fund charges can eat into your investment returns over time. Common fees include:

- Annual Management Charges (AMCs): typically range from 1% to 1.5% per year.
- Allocation rates: a percentage of your contribution that actually gets invested (some providers don't invest 100%).

Even small differences in charges can reduce your retirement pot significantly over decades. Always compare fees across providers and fund types — lower-cost options may deliver better value, especially over the long term.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket. A well-diversified fund spreads investments across regions, sectors, and asset classes, helping reduce risk. Many providers offer multi-asset or lifestyle funds that handle diversification automatically, adjusting the balance between growth and security as you approach retirement.

AVC investment decisions are not one-size-fits-all. A qualified financial advisor can help you:

- Assess your risk tolerance accurately
- Choose suitable funds based on your goals and time horizon
- Understand the tax implications
- Monitor and adjust your strategy over time

Independent advice is particularly valuable if you have multiple pensions, complex income

Local History Society Lectures

by James Scannell

Killiney Historical Society
James Scannell will present ***'John Hinde and his Dalkey & Killiney Colour Postcards'*** at 8pm on Tuesday November 4th in the Druid's Chair Pub upstairs lounge, Killiney Hill Road, Rocheshill, Killiney, Co. Dublin.
All are welcome – admission is €5.

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Patricia O'Reilly will present ***'William Orpen'*** at 8p.m. on Thursday November 6th in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €5/Students €2.

The Military History Society of Ireland
Dr. Pat McCarthy will present ***'Confederate Privateers and the War at Sea 1642–1650. Ireland's First Navy?'*** at 8p.m. on Friday November 7th in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome – admission is free.

Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society
Col. Gareth Prendergast will present ***'Clear Hold Build: How the Free State won the Irish Civil War'*** at 1 p.m. on Wednesday November 12th in Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission is free but booking required with Pembroke Library – call 01-222 8450 or email: ***pembrokelibrary@dublincity.ie.***

The Old Dublin Society
Dr. Edward J. Bourke will present ***'South West Dublin during the War of Independence and Civil War'*** on Wednesday November 12th; Frank Whearity will present ***'Issac Varian (1888-1956), Dublin brush manufacturer & his seaside idyll 'Cloghmore'*** at Hoar Rock, Skerries, Co. Dublin' on Wednesday November 26th and will be followed by the AGM. Both meetings take place at 6pm in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission is free and no booking is required.

Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society
Bryan MacMahon will present ***'Thomas Monck Mason of Stillorgan: International Balloonist, 1836'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 13th in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members are free – visitors are €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

Foxrock Local History Club
The AGM takes place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday November 18th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, and will be followed by ***'Digging Up the Raj in the Attic'*** by Shabnam Vasisht. All are welcome - admission is €5. Moira Laffan will present ***'Carriglea – From Country House to the College of Art and Design'*** at 6.30pm on Monday November 24th in Deansgrange Library, Clonkeen Drive, Deangrange, Dublin 18. Admission is free but booking is required at 01-2047218. Contact the Society for the Zoom link.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Julie Parsons will present ***'The Chamberlains of Adelaide Street'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday November 19th in Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Free hotel parking is available for those attending this lecture. The Society's latest journal will be launched at this meeting.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Peadar Curran will present ***'Evie Hone – Stained Glass Artist of Marlay'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 20th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society
James Scannell will present ***'Service terminated; the last trams from Dartry and Terenure, October 31st 1948'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday November 27th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members are free / visitors €5 – The Swan Car Park Evening Rate is €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight.

Shankill – Looking Back

Evading the proper train fare
Most of the business at the Monday November 2nd 1925 sitting of Shankill District Court related to the prosecution by the Great Southern Railways Company of various local residents for travelling without a valid ticket or not having a valid one who had been caught at Shankill Station. In the case against James Clarke, Ticket Collector Gaydon said that on September 26th when the defendant alighted at Shankill he was unable to produce his ticket, claiming that he must have lost it. When asked to pay the fare, he said that he had no money and gave his name as John Doyle, Loughlinstown, which Graydon subsequently discovered was false. Clark claimed in court that he had bought a workman's ticket that morning in Killiney Station and had lost the return portion. The District Justice was not impressed and fined Clarke 10s for travelling without a ticket and an additional £1 for giving a false name to the ticket collector.

Publications

'History on your Doorstep' is an annual publication by the Dublin City Council Historians in Residence. Volume 8 features 'A Lady and a Jolly Flapper are as far apart as two worlds: Letters to the Evening Herald debating chivalry, modern girls and tramcar etiquette in 1920s Dublin' by Katie Blackwood; 'Always paddle your own canoe', by Elizabeth Kehoe; 'Yitzhak Herzog – "the Sinn Féin Rabbi" who was first Chief Rabbi of the Irish Free State' by Dr Cormac Moore, 'Liam O'Flaherty: Man of Action and Letters' by Dr Mary Muldowney, Stair Chadal Bhaile Átha Cliath: 'The most Dublin of Dublin Dishes', by Dr Máirtín Mac Con Iomaire; 'The old and new at Grangegorman: Local children's perspectives' by Dervilia Roche, and 'Why Flanagan's Fields?' by Catherine Scuffil.

Copies are available for free from Dublin City branch libraries or can be downloaded from their website as can the past issues.

Rathmichael Historical Society

by Richard Ryan

Our Autumn/Winter lecture programme kicked off on a high note with a wonderful lecture by Edel Bhreathnach on Monasticism in Ireland, concentrating on the early medieval period from about 500AD to about 1300AD. In her overview of monasticism, she pointed out that monasticism is not just a Christian thing but is also practiced in Buddhism and Hinduism. The Christian version of it originated in the Middle East and North Africa and then spread to Gaul and Iberia. It probably came to Ireland via Britain or Gaul. All the great Irish monastic founders, for example, Brigid, Columcille, Columbanus and Finian, flourished in the period 500 to 600AD.

Not all the early ecclesiastical sites were monasteries: there were lots of small churches all over Ireland which were not. Edel then described three local sites which were not monasteries: Dalkey Island, Tully and Rathmichael.

Dalkey Island, associated with St.Begnet, was perhaps a “diseart” (or remote hermitage) linked with somewhere on the mainland before it became a trading post and holding place for slaves.

Tully was associated with St.Brigid and later become absorbed within an 11th century diocesan structure. Rathmichael seems to have been a satellite of the Tallaght and Finglas establishment before it too became part of the 11th century diocesan structure.

The remaining lectures in the programme will be as follows:

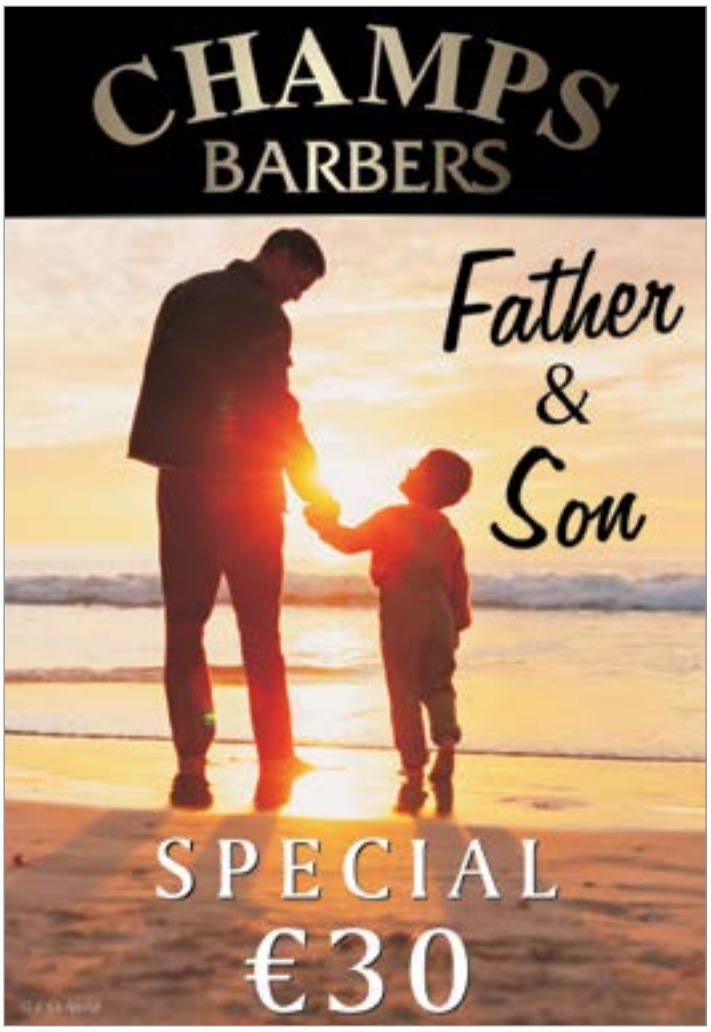
- Wednesday, 5th November: *A Photographic Career in Ruins* by Con Brogan.
- Wednesday, 3rd December: *Rock Art* by Finola Finlay.
- Wednesday, 7th January: *Jacobean Armies* by Harman Murtagh.
- Wednesday, 4th February: *AGM followed by lecture* (title to be decided).
- Wednesday, 4th March: *The Irish Ringforts after Three Decades* by Matthew Stout.
- Wednesday, 4th April: *The Houses of Meath* by Aisling Durkan.

All talks are at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin and are wheelchair-accessible.

Non-members are welcome to attend our talks on payment of a €5 entrance fee which includes tea/coffee and biscuits.

The talks are also accessible on Zoom.

See website for further information:
www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie



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Prág - *Bríd Brien*

Thug mé cuairt ar go leor cathracha i rith mo shaoil ach is cinnte go bhfuil Prág ar cheann de na cinn is ansa liom. Áit ar leith í óna chóras iompair uathúil go dtí a cuid seanchomharthaí iontacha meánaoiseacha. Tá sí roinnte ina ceithre chuid: An Seanbhaile, An Baile Nua, An Ceathrú Giúdach agus An Baile Beag. Tá siad uilig mar chuid de Shuíomh Oidhreacht Domhanda.

Sa Seanbhaile tá túr ollmhór púdair gunna meánaoiseach le háirse ag an mbun. D'úsáid an t-arm é chun an chathair a chosaint óna naimhde. Nuair a fhéachann tú suas air, bíonn tú faoi dhraíocht ag a mhéid agus a áilleacht, gach cloch ag insint scéil le lonracha óir ag rith tríothu.

Ón áirse, téann tú isteach sa phríomhchearnóg lena heaglaisí agus ardeaglaisí ollmhóra. Caithfidh go bhfuil Eaglais Mhuire Roimh Tyn an ceann is áille lena spuaiceanna suntasacha. Ansin tá Túr Clog Réalteolaíoch cáiliúil lena dathanna iontacha. Gach lá ar an uair, tosaíonn na cloig go léir sa chearnóg ag bualadh, ach bíonn súile gach duine greamaithe ar dhá dhoras bheaga os cionn an chloig, áit a bhfeictear figiúirí i gcruth na n-aspal ag breathnú amach agus ag croitheadh lámha leis na sluaite. Réamhtheachtaí ar a bhfuil pápaí ag déanamh ó shin.

Sa cheathrú Giúdach, tagann tú trasna ar an tsionagóg is sine ar domhan atá in úsáid fós. Sa Bhaile Nua feiceann tú an Iarsmalann Náisiúnta i gCearnóg Wenceslas. 'Sé Wenceslas an Naomhphatrún ar Phoblacht na Seice.

Ach níl do thuras críochnaithe mura nglacann tú an tram thar Abhainn Vltava go Caisleán Prág agus Ardeaglais Naomh Víteas. Tá an dara ceann thar barr lena fuinneoga gloine dhaite agus a píosaí iontacha altóra. Agus ná déan dearmad ar Dhroichead Shéarlais, áit ar féidir leat stopadh agus do lámha a chuimilt thar phlaic óir ar a bhfuil madra air. Má dhéanann tú sin beidh an t-ádh ort go deo. Sin rud eile le déanamh sula bhfaigheann tú bás.

An Ghluais: ***is ansa liom*** / is one of my favourites; ***uathúil*** / gan a mhacasamhail eile ann; ***seanchomharthaí iontacha meánaoiseacha*** / magnificent medieval landmarks; ***An Baile Beag*** / The Lesser Town; ***de Shuíomh Oidhreacht Domhanda*** / of a World Heritage Site; ***lonracha óir*** / glints of gold; ***áirse*** / arch; ***faoi dhraíocht*** / in awe; ***lena spuaiceanna suntasacha*** / with its impressive spires; ***Réalteolaíoch*** / Astronomical; ***Réamhtheachtaí*** / forerunner; ***Poblacht na Seice*** / The Czech Republic.

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SAVING LIVES TOGETHER: OUR CPR TRAINING EFFORTS THIS MONTH

It's been a busy month for the Shankill Ballybrack Community First Responders as we continue our mission to equip our community with lifesaving skills. We've hosted a range of CPR training events, including public Hands for Life sessions at St. Anne's Resource Centre, as well as private sessions for The Campus Cherrywood, Woodbrook Golf Club, and other local groups.

With these events, we've now trained over 475 people so far this year — an incredible milestone that reflects the growing community commitment to being ready when it matters most.

We also had a large group of our volunteers attend the Respond Conference in Mullingar, the annual national gathering for community first responder groups. The conference is a great opportunity to share experiences, learn from experts, and stay up to date with the latest developments in emergency care.

Learning CPR and AED use is one of the most important skills anyone can gain — it can truly save a life. As one participant shared after attending with his daughter,

"It was a great event for us to do together as she heads into college — we both feel much more confident now if something were to happen."

If your workplace, club, or community group would like to host a training session, please get in touch at ***info@shankillcfr.ie***. Join us in helping build a community of confident lifesavers, one class at a time. To keep up to date with the latest events, follow on Instagram ***@ShankillBallybrackCFR*** and Facebook ***@ShankillandBallybrackCFR***.

Girls Football GAA Team

by Daniel Baynes and Molly Dodd, 5th Class

Interviewing Mr. Allen
Hello and welcome to this article on St Anne's National School Girls Gaelic Football team. As the coach of both the boys' soccer and Gaelic football teams, he loves coaching and has much experience in the job,16 years in fact.

He thinks the team is doing a very good job, especially considering this is their first year back after some years of not doing it.

They have done an excellent job, in fact, winning 2 of their 3 well-respected matches.

Those 2 matches have allowed them to qualify for the quarter-finals of their league. However, this is the knockout phase of the league.

On the 8th of October, the quarter-final took place, and we are happy to announce that the girls won their match! We hope to give you a positive update in the next SCAN!

New Junior Yard!

by Melissa Dooley and Alisa Kalinkevich, from Ms. Maguire's, 6th Class

Over the summer, the school re-surfaced the Junior Yard. They replaced the concrete with soft astro so that the children are safer. One of the trees on the yard was dying, so it had to be removed.

It now has a running track and is safer for the children who are using the climbing wall. We talked to one of the teachers about what his class thinks of the new yard. They enjoy it a lot and prefer it to the old yard. They love to tumble and roll around on it!

The teachers have seen the children using the running track during yard time and are planning to bring their classes out to the new yard to do P.E. in the future. While the new surface has caused a lot of excitement, which can lead to some minor accidents, it is overall a much safer place. The Senior Infants who use it, and all the other classes, love the improvements!

Update in Ms Elmes' class

by Alice Kilcullen and Zach Drapikovskyi

Ms. Elmes' class this month have been learning about and making Picasso art. They learned about some of his paintings such as **'Maya with Doll'** and **'The Old Guitarist'**. We made our Picassos by rolling dice on a sheet that had different noses, heads, and ears, and that is how we created our Picasso paintings. Most people coloured theirs in with highlighters to make them stand out. We also learned some cool facts about him.

His full name is Pablo Picasso.

His first word was lápiz, which translates to "pencil" in English. Picasso believed all children were artists.

NewTeacher Interviews

Ms. Conway - *by Aibhe Shannon*
Q: How do you like St. Anne's so far?
A: I think the school is brilliant — all the kids are fantastic!
Q: What is your favourite hobby?
A: I don't have a particular hobby, but I love to take a walk!
Q: Did you teach anywhere before coming to St. Anne's?
A: I used to teach at Ravenswell in Bray with Ms. Murray, the other new teacher!
Q: Did you always want to be a teacher?
A: Yes, ever since I started in primary!
Q: Did you like school when you were younger?
A: I loved making friendships in school and meeting new friends.
Q: What is your favourite subject to teach?
A: I love to teach maths and watch the students in my lovely second class figure out the answers.
Q: What was your favourite subject in school when you were a kid?
A: Ooh, tough one — probably history!
Q: Thank you so much for letting me interview you!

Ms. Murray - *by Èabha Twomey*
Q: Have you ever taught in another school?
A: Yes, I taught in Ravenswell.
Q: What is your favourite subject to teach?
A: Probably Maths or Irish.
Q: How have you found St. Anne's so far?
A: It's been lovely, very welcoming.
Q: Did you like school when you were a kid?
A: Yes, I loved it so much! I remember on the last day of primary school I cried, and when I was in secondary school I thought, 'This isn't the same — take me back!' And now I'm back!
Q: What was your favorite subject when you were in school?
A: Probably music I still love music to this day!
Q: Thank you so much for letting me interview you!

Ms. O'Connor - *by Crina Danaila and Robyn Wardell*
Q: When did you start teaching in St. Anne's?
A: I started teaching in St. Anne's last year in January.
Q: What subject do you like best to teach?
A: I love to teach maths because I like seeing the kids work out what's happening.
Q: How do you like St. Anne's so far?
A: I love everything about the teachers, the students, the staff, and the environment.
Q: Did you like school when you were a child?
A: Yes, I loved school! When I was 4, I used to teach my friends different things at playdates!
Q: What was your favourite subject in school?
A: I really liked music when I was in school.
Q: Did you always want to be a teacher?
A: Yes, I always wanted to be a teacher.
Q: What does your class love to do with you?
A: They love to do maths with me because I use maths games and diagrams to explain it to them.
Q: What is your favourite hobby?
A: I love to sing and play the guitar in my spare time.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

Following the excitement of the Fete, school life has settled into its normal daily routine again.

The children have been producing some amazing work for display around the school and on the website. 1st Class were tasting popcorn as part of learning about our senses. The whole school took part in Maths Week with activities designed to bring maths to life with challenges, puzzles and games. My thanks to Mrs Crammond for coordinating this.

Our after school classes have restarted for the year with Art, Drama, Soccer, Olympic Handball, Basketball, Fundamental Movement Skills and Athletics for Infants, Dance, Multi Sport, Hockey and Homework Club. Other classes within school hours have also restarted – Swimming, P.E., GAA, Music and Spanish.
We have also reintroduced "Feel Good Fridays", where music is played over the speaker system at break times and the children may dance to the tunes being played. The younger classes in particular are really enjoying this.

Our 6th Class undertook a 1st Aid course, given by a specialist Nurse, to assist them in their roles as Safety Squad members at break and lunch time. This was very helpful and informative.

Thank you to everyone who brought in items to contribute to our Harvest Donations to Crinken Storehouse, to help those in need in our community.

Thursday 2nd October was National Tree Day and classes took the opportunity to go into our school garden and wooded area to look at the trees that surround us and to undertake a Tree Trail in the school grounds. 3rd Class planted a Scot's Pine sapling in the garden.

We are expecting representatives from Team Hope and Fields of Life in to upcoming Assemblies to give presentations to the pupils. The children have been asked to fill shoeboxes over the mid-term break and we continue to support Caleb and Mercy in Uganda, through the Fields of Life.

We have a number of PTA planned events coming up this term so it promises to be an exciting build up to Halloween and Christmas.

Naomi Rousseau *(Principal)*

Update from...

Cormac Devlin TD

I hope you are keeping well. It was wonderful to join Rev Tom O'Brien, Siobhán O'Connor of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, and members of the local community for the launch of the new Day Service at Crinken Parish Centre. It's a fantastic service for the community and great credit is due to Rev Tom for making the centre available to support the initiative.

Nationally, the Government continues to support the work of the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland with funding to expand day care in the community and in the home, and the total number of dementia advisers will increase to 36 nationwide.

BUDGET 2026
Ministers Paschal Donohoe and Jack Chambers presented the first of five Budgets expected this Dáil term in October. The focus is on investing in services and capital infrastructure. Key elements include:

Housing: Funding tops €11.2bn, including €7.21bn Exchequer (€5.19bn capital; €2.02bn current). €2.9bn is allocated to deliver 10,200 new-build social homes and continue acquisitions. Homelessness services rise to €563.5m. Regeneration and enabling works are backed through €300m for URDF and €205m for the Housing Activation Infrastructure Fund. Social-home retrofits receive €140m. A further €130m funds up to 17,000 home-adaptation grants for older people and people with disabilities. Critically, water infrastructure, vital to unlocking housing, gets a 29% uplift, with Uisce Éireann resourced at €2.2bn.

Childcare & families: The National Childcare Scheme will support about 35,000 more children, with core funding keeping fees down and a new maximum fee cap on the way.

Health: Funding adds about 3,300 extra staff, +220 acute beds and +280 community beds, plus 1.7 million more home-support hours to help people live independently.

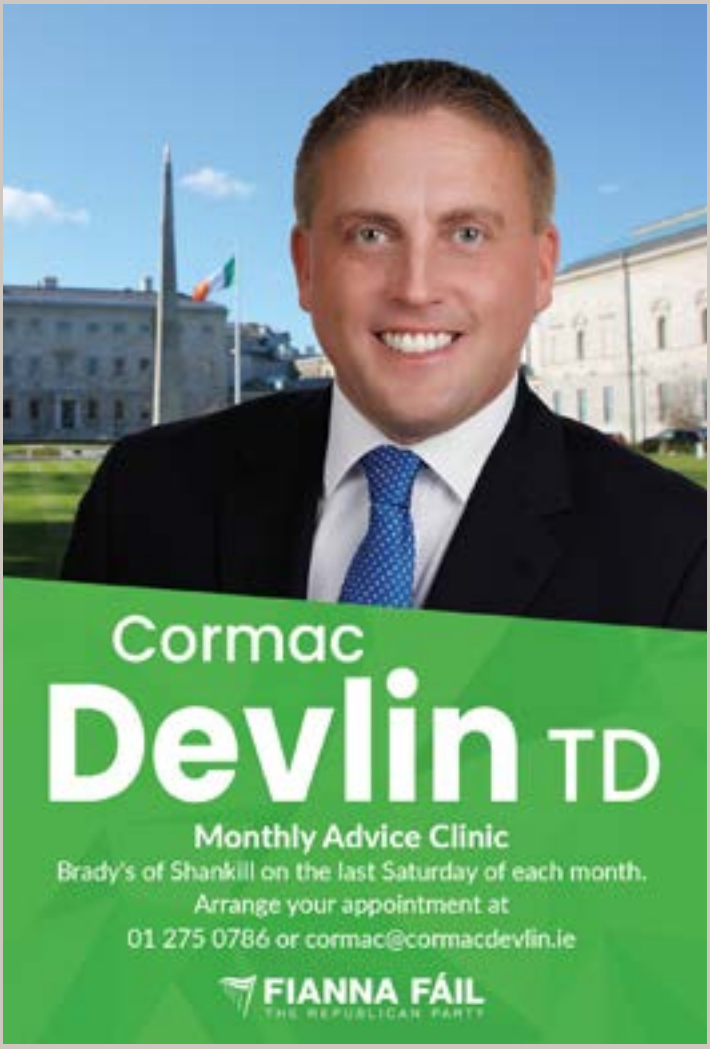
Education: Schools will see 1,717 additional SNAs, 860 extra special-education teachers, and higher capitation (+€50 per primary pupil; +€20 post-primary). School transport also gets a significant boost.

Justice & community safety: The Garda budget funds up to 1,000 new Gardaí, more overtime for visibility, better technology and station upgrades. I again pressed for a new Garda station at Cherrywood, and refurbishment/expansion of Dún Laoghaire and Shankill stations to be included in the capital programme.

Social protection: Core weekly payments rise by €10. Fuel Allowance increases to €38/week and is opened to Working Family Payment households (benefiting an estimated about 50,000 families). Carer's Allowance income disregards rise to €1,000 (single) and €2,000 (couple). If you need advice on any of these changes please get in touch.

Jobs & incomes: Support continues for labour-intensive small businesses (e.g. hospitality and hairdressing). The National Minimum Wage increases by €0.65/hour from 1st January 2026 (worth roughly €1,318 a year for a full-time worker on a 39-hour week).

I was disappointed that income-tax bands were not indexed



this year. I'll push that case ahead of next year's Budget, fairness for workers must remain a priority. I will also continue to press for improvements to inheritance tax and reform of issues like the treatment of ETFs over the next series of Budgets.

NEW SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE & THEIR CARERS
If you are aged 70+ and hold a Free Travel Companion Card, you can now bring another person (16+) with you for free on public transport. This includes buses, DART, Luas, Local Link, and some private bus and ferry services. This initiative is being delivered under the Free Travel Scheme by Minister Dara Calleary.

KEEPING IN TOUCH
My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in **Brady's of Shankill** on the last Saturday of each month (excluding Bank Holidays). Please contact Michael Reynolds in my office on **01 275 0786** or ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*** to make an appointment or if I can assist you in any way.

A Taste of America Lights Up Scoil Mhuire!

Fundraiser for St. Anne's Church

Scoil Mhuire School Hall was buzzing with excitement on Saturday, October 4th, as the community came together for its very first American Tea event and what a night it was! From the moment the doors opened, the atmosphere was electric, filled with laughter, music, and the unmistakable sound of good craic.

Each host came loaded with a spread of food, drinks, and sweet treats, from savoury bites to delicious treats. Their tables were a feast for the senses and a true showcase of community spirit.

The dancing kicked off early and didn't stop until late, with young and old alike showing off their moves and soaking up the atmosphere.

It wasn't just about the food and fun — it was about connection with neighbours and community groups mingling. A sense of community was stronger than ever. The energy in the room was infectious, and the support for the event was nothing short of fantastic.

A huge shout-out to the incredible committee who made it all happen: Jackie William, Michael Mc Daid, Michael Murray, and Emma O'Sullivan. Their hard work and dedication turned a simple idea into a night that will be remembered for years to come.

Of course, it wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of John Brady, Brian Coleman, principal Scoil Mhuire, and David Cassidy, as well as Scoil Mhuire, Cater Hire, and all those who helped out on the night — your contributions made the magic happen, and last but by no means least, our master of ceremonies, Rory Farrelly. He dusted off his legendary velvet jacket, grabbed the mic, and steered the night with charm, wit, and just the right amount of sparkle. Thank you for keeping the show rolling!

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of the Community Awards, a celebration of those who go above and beyond to make our Shankill community a better place.

Congratulations to all the deserving winners:

- **Maria Moore** - Community Games
- **Kay Larkin** - Parish
- **Macel McKell** - Book club, in SOFA
- **Eamonn McGuirk** - Community, Darkness into Light, Tidy Towns, Park Run
- **Pat MaGuire** - GAA / Parsih
- **Brian Mason** - Art
- **Tim Cullinane** - Shankill FC
- **Mark Anderson** - Rathsallagh community gardens
- **John Kane** - Tidy Towns
- **PJ Hourihan** - Park Run
- **Emma & Stacy**- Bradys of Shankill
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Here's to many more nights like this and a little bit of American flair!

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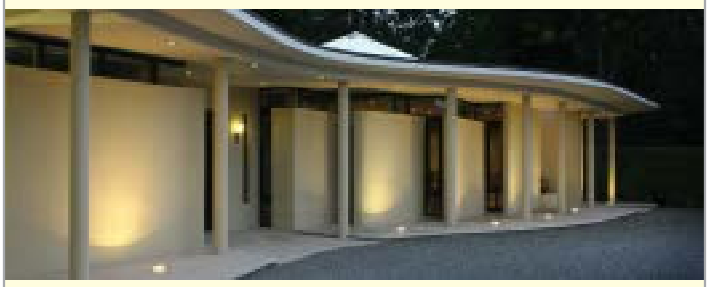

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An afternoon of flour, fun, and filming in the Home Economics room.

The Home Economics room was filled with excitement and the irresistible smell of freshly baked bread recently as 6 Slaney welcomed a very special guest. Eoin Cluskey, from the award-winning bakery Bread 41, paid a visit to our students to share his expertise and treat the class to a very unique school experience.

This was no ordinary lesson. Students took part in a bread-making masterclass which was also being filmed for an upcoming RTÉ television programme due to air in November.

"It was amazing to see how something so simple can turn into something so delicious."

Commented Alex, a student enjoying the experience.

Under Eoin's guidance, the class discovered the craft behind 'real bread'. From mixing and kneading dough to shaping and baking, every stage of the process gave them new skills and a greater appreciation for the food we eat every day.

The atmosphere was buzzing as sleeves were rolled up and the work began. There was laughter, plenty of teamwork, and more than a little flour on faces and aprons by the end. The highlight came when trays of golden loaves emerged from the oven and the students' pride was written all over their faces.
"We felt like real bakers — and the bread tasted amazing!" said Aoife of the 6 Slaney class.

Not only did students leave with practical skills they can use for life, but also a lasting memory of a unique experience.
A heartfelt thank you goes to Bread 41 for choosing Woodbrook College, and to Eoin for sharing his passion and expertise in such an inspiring way.

This masterclass was more than just a baking lesson — it was a celebration of learning, creativity, and the joy of making something from scratch.

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

Graffiti - Wall At Ramp/Access/Exit to Corbawn Strand from Corbawn Lane, Shankill
I raised the matter of the graffiti on the wall at the ramp/access/exit to Corbawn Strand with the Cleansing Section in the Council. I received the following reply:
"I am writing to you in regard to the graffiti on the wall at ramp on the access/exit to Corbawn Strand from Corbawn Lawn, Shankill. The Graffiti has now been removed."

Community Hall/Facility at the new Castle Development, Shankill
I received representations regarding the provision of a community hall/facility at the new Castle Development. I raised it with the Council's Community Department and received the following reply:
"DLR Community Section are in discussions with the Land Development Agency (LDA) in relation to acquiring space within the Shanganagh Castle Estate for the provision of Community Services to the local Community."

SHANGANAGH PARK PLAYGROUND - CONDITION OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to examine and repair the play equipment in the Shanganagh Park Playground as some of the equipment is not working and is broken?

Reply: Play Grounds under the remit of the Parks and Community Departments throughout the County are independently assessed on a six monthly basis under the RPII inspection procedure, the latest of which was carried out on Shanganagh Park Playground and reports received in July of this year. A review of the report's recommendations has been carried out and due to wear and tear a number of items have been highlighted for consideration in relation to repairs and / or replacement. Prices are being sought to upgrade various items which will be subject to available budget.

SHANGANAGH CLIFFS ENHANCEMENT WORKS - TOILETS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the works that were agreed as part of the Shanganagh Cliffs Enhancement Works for the Green Area/Pitches in front of Shanganagh Cliffs to include toilets and improved pedestrian accesses into the area?

Reply: Following consultation with local user groups, residents and Councillors a landscape plan for Shanganagh Cliffs was drafted and presented to Councillors in 2023. Several items have been completed in the interim period including new path installations, bulb planting, seating and the installation of storage cage.

As part of that draft plan, it was proposed that a toilet facility would be situated along the boundary wall adjacent to the pump station. The design includes a single unit with separate cubicles. The progression of this plan is contingent upon the availability of funding.

ALL WEATHER PITCH - WOODBROOK COLLEGE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the new all-weather pitch at Woodbrook College?

Reply: The new all-weather pitch at Woodbrook College is part of the capital programme 2025-2027. Meetings are ongoing

with the principal of Woodbrook College with the most recent meeting taking place in late September 2025. Several surveys have been completed including a wintering bird survey.

Woodbrook College is preparing a planning application for a new school which is currently scheduled to be lodged in Q1 2026.

It is likely that the planning application or Part 8 for the new all-weather pitch will follow on once the planning application for a new school is lodged.

Installation of Pedestrian Crossing

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for a progress report on the installation of pedestrian crossing (signalised, zebra or "Vienna convention") with raised ramp on all the roads approaching and exiting the Cromlech Fields Roundabout on Shanganagh Road (Cromlech Fields, Killiney Hill Road, River Close and Shanganagh Road)?

Reply: The locations mentioned are due to be assessed as part of Phase 2 of the current works programme. This relates to the installation of Type B Zebra Crossings throughout the County.

East Coast Trail Bray To New Dart Station At Woodbrook

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the progression of the East Coast Trail as this is an important connectivity for residents living in Bray to access the new DART Station at Woodbrook?

Reply: This scheme does not form part of the current Active Travel programme. It will be considered for future calls for funding, should they be made available

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Cllr. Jim Gildea

CRECHE FACILITIES AT SHANGANAGH CASTLE ESTATE, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide a detailed update, including timelines, for the provision of creche facilities at Shanganagh Castle estate, Shankill?

Reply: Planning Permission for approval for the Part X proposal to proceed (ABP306583-20 refers) for residential development with ancillary commercial use as a joint venture by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Land Development Agency at Shanganagh Castle Estate Lands was approved dated 08th July, 2020 subject to 17 Conditions. Condition No. 12 States: The Creche shall be developed as part of the first phase of construction. Reason: In the interest of sustainable development. The purpose built Creche facilitates 107 Children, is 779 m2 and includes a soft play and wooded area which measures at 295m2. There are 14 carparking spaces (which include a set down area). In January 2025, the commercial unit was handed over in 'shell and core' condition and is currently under the remit of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. Workshops with internal Council Departments have been held and discussions are ongoing. A number of avenues are being explored in relation to Community Childcare Service Providers operating the Creche space as well as potential funding streams available to support the fitout costs. These discussions are also being held in tandem with The Department of Children, Disability and Equality. To ensure the Council is executing all possible avenues, the City Valuer's Office was engaged to recommend an Estate Agent to manage the Creche Facility and negotiate Heads of Terms with the successful Agents/Tenants on behalf of the Council. Three Estate Agents were contacted and forwarded marketing proposals for the fit-out and Lease of the premises. No decision has yet been reached as the Council is currently assessing the best options for the fit-out and operation of the new facility that will be of the utmost benefit to our stakeholders.

EAST COAST GREENWAY

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the provision of the planned East Coast Greenway in particular the section between Killiney Beach and the new DART station at Woodbrook?

Reply: This scheme does not form part of the current Active Travel Programme. It will be considered for future calls for funding, should they be made available.

RATHMICHAEL ROAD REPAIRS

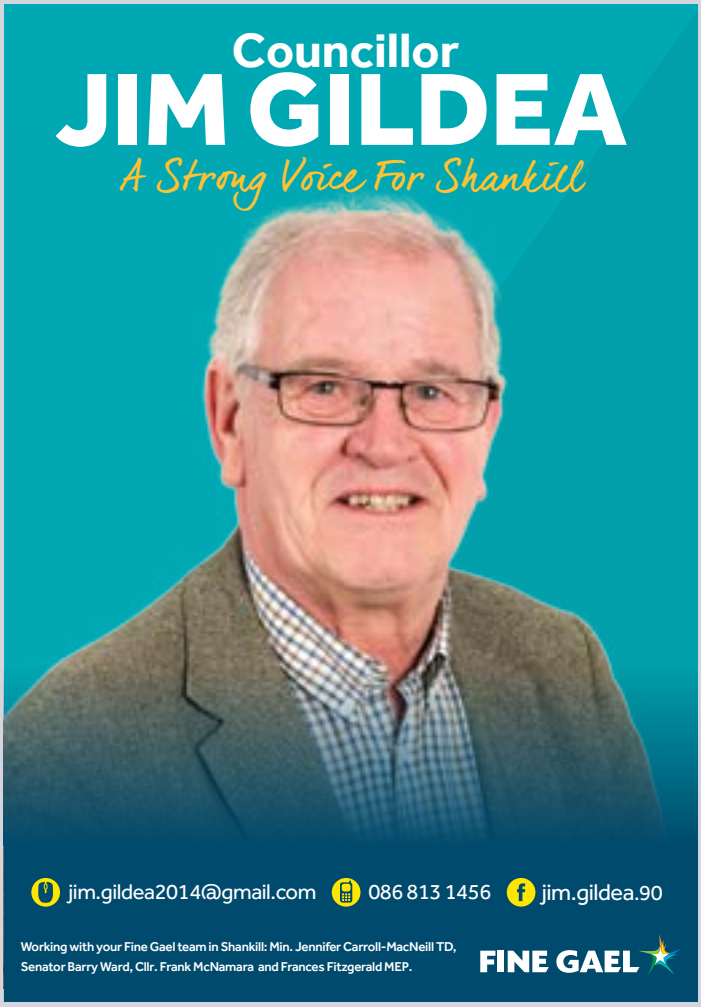
Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to review, and remediate where necessary, the poor condition of roads in the vicinity of Ferndale Road, Shankill and in particular the Crinken Lane end of Ballybride Road following the damage caused to the roads recently by the heavy trucks used by contractors working on behalf of Uisce Eireann?

Reply: The roads highlighted above will be inspected in detail in consultation with our Roads Control Section, and any significant condition issues will be appropriately addressed.

WALK AND CYCLE WAY BETWEEN WOODBROOK DART STATION AND WOODBROOK GLEN

Motion: That this Committee recommends that the Council initiate discussions with Irish Rail with a view to establishing the feasibility of providing a walk-way and cycle way, in close proximity to the rail line, between the new Woodbrook DART station and Woodbrook Glen estate and onward to the seafront at Bray.

Report: Should the motion be agreed, the Council will initiate these discussions with Irish Rail. (Following discussion the motion was agreed. The Executive will commence discussions with Irish Rail)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CHERRYWOOD TO RATHMICHAEL MANOR CYCLE SCHEME

Location: Bray Road (Wyattville Road Bridge to M11 Roundabout
Construction works on this scheme commenced on Monday, 6th October 2025 and is expected to continue until 19th of December 2025. Work will be carried out in three main sections along Bray Road.

Section 1 – Rathmichael Manor Area
Works will be primarily on the footpath adjacent to the N11. Minimal impact on traffic is expected. Works include excavation, kerbing, paving, and resurfacing. Scheduled from 6th October to 17th December 2025.

Section 2 – Bray Road
Road closure will be in place during this phase. Traffic management setup began on 15th October. Works include excavation and tarmac surfacing. Scheduled from 15th October to 25th November 2025.

Section 3 – Cherrywood Road Area
Traffic management and Temporary Lane Switch Over (TLSO) will be implemented.

TLSO works are expected to be carried out during night-time hours to minimise disruption. Works include excavation and tarmac surfacing. Scheduled from 29th October to 19th December 2025.

Higher than usual traffic congestion may occur during the road closure and TLSO phases.

We are delighted to learn that work is about to start to retrofit St. Anne's Resource Centre using the grant of €100,000 obtained by SAGE.

Climate change and international action.
2015 saw the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si which greatly helped the Paris Climate Conference to agree to 1.5C temperature rise as being the maximum the Earth could safely accommodate. At a Vatican anniversary conference Arnold Schwarzenegger spoke about how to change attitudes and the need for stories to help us understand that Climate pollution is real and dangerous, destroying lives and livelihoods. A video of a child dying from asthma caused by pollution changed attitudes and made political action possible.

For years we have known that warming oceans cause more severe hurricanes, but for Ireland, more important is that a warming ocean means that hurricanes which form near to Africa start their swing north earlier. This means that they are much more likely to arrive over Ireland while still full of energy, making storms and floods worse as occurred at the start of October. This will only get worse, Ireland must plan adaptation now. The Outer Banks, a popular holiday resort off New England, is disappearing because storms are more severe and sea levels are rising. Ireland is not immune.

COP30 takes place in Brazil from 11th November. Its success will depend entirely on how effectively they are able to sideline the Fossil Fuel lobbyists. The Chair is well aware of the dangers of the Climate Crisis but has a very difficult job to steer the conference to effective decisions. Bear in mind that Trump so hates wind power that he was prepared to close an 80% completed windfarm while the US, like ourselves, is heading to a real power shortage because of increasing AI use and the ever increasing demand for data farms. This cannot go on indefinitely.

Farming Adaptation and planning forward for food security.
A recent study, reported in the NY Times on 22nd September, used satellite technology to identify quite small patches of crops that were not growing properly, fertilizer was then spread by drone precisely where needed. If the crop did not respond, and if the same thing had happened in the same place previously, the farmer took the view that there was some other reason why that patch was unproductive so he rewilded it. This saved him money, greatly improved the biodiversity of the area and reduced waste and run off.

Current figures show that the farming sector contributes around 5.5% of Ireland's GDP, but 39% of our greenhouse gas output, so it looks as if it is time to restructure the entire farming scene. Particularly with the climate crisis getting noticeably worse the agricultural sector should be planning forward, to ensure, as far as possible, food security for Ireland. Many of our current sources of food are under threat from Climate Change, such as Spain, the rest of the Mediterranean region and East Anglia in the UK which supplies most of the potatoes used in chips. In 1850 Ireland used 332,00 hectares for potatoes, now only 9000.

Ireland's Carbon Budget.
While this is being written the Dail Committee on Climate Change is considering our Carbon Budgets 3 and 4. Most of us, I am sure, had only heard about this Committee very recently. It is critically important that the Committee rethink their work from earlier in the summer when they came up with the idea that Ireland would design its climate response, as required under our own law and that of the EU to be "Climate Neutral". This would allow Ireland to maintain our climate change footprint as is, rather than mandate the large reductions needed by the law but also for the wellbeing of Planet Earth. In the meantime we are faced with the prospect of fines, now projected to be about 26 Billion Euro. Why we would even contemplate such a situation without desperate attempts to avoid it is beyond comprehension. As I have said before: Climate Change waits for no man, or woman, and the longer we put off taking action the more expensive and difficult it becomes.

Ocean Exploitation
The High Seas Treaty has now been ratified by the necessary 60 countries, so it becomes Law. This treaty protects international waters so that developments such as ocean floor mining should now be subject to environmental assessment before being allowed to proceed. Not the end but a good beginning of ocean protection. So much of our wellbeing and the ability of the Earth to cope with climate change depends on healthy oceans. Evidence is increasing that offshore wind farms are positive for biodiversity because of the way they offer a protected area where fish can spawn and develop and other plants and animals can settle and grow. An argument that is often used against windfarms is that they kill birds, but the evidence is that high rise buildings with large windows kill many more, but that even this is a fraction of the birds killed by cats. Painting the propellors with pattens birds can see allows them to avoid them. So it seems that Offshore windfarms can be environmentally positive but need to be carefully sited and designed with biodiversity and environmental issues in mind. It is critical that we in Ireland get offshore electricity generation and storage up and running as soon as possible to ensure that we minimise the fines we will pay and to ensure a stable and reliable power supply into the future.

Finally, we are coming to that season. Please remember to turn off car engines while waiting to collect children from school. You won't get cold and an idling is bad for engines.

Patrick Davey for SAGE
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COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES AT SHANKILL SENIOR CENTRE DURING DLR FESTIVAL OF INCLUSION

The Shankill Senior Centre was alive with celebration recently as part of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown (DLR) Festival of Inclusion. The event brought together members of the community, local councillors, and the Cathaoirleach of DLR County Council, Jim Gildea, who joined in marking this special occasion of community connection and inclusivity.

One of the highlights of the day was the official launch of The Community Cup, Shankill Senior Centre's brand-new community coffee dock. This welcoming new space invites everyone in the area to drop by, relax, and enjoy freshly brewed coffee, tea, and delicious homemade treats; all made with care in the centre's own kitchen.

The coffee dock is already becoming a local favourite, open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30am to 1:00pm, offering a warm and friendly place to catch up with friends, meet new people, and be part of the community spirit that defines Shankill.

To help keep the momentum going, the centre is now looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the team. Volunteers will have the opportunity to undertake a barista course and help serve the community through The Community Cup. The centre especially needs helpers on Mondays and Fridays from 8:30am to 1:00pm, as well as an afternoon shift from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

In addition, the centre is also looking for volunteer drivers to support its much loved meals on wheels service. Drivers are needed Monday to Friday between 11:30am to 12:30pm, just one hour a week can make a huge difference in delivering meals and smiles to local residents who rely on this essential service

The Shankill Senior Centre continues to embody the true spirit of community, welcoming, inclusive, and supportive. Whether you can lend a hand at The Community Cup or help deliver meals to those in need, your contribution helps strengthen the bonds that make Shankill such a special place to live.

If you're interested in getting involved, contact the Shankill Senior Centre on 01-2826364 or mandykhan@shankillseniorcentre.ie to find out more. Together, we can keep our community thriving: one cup, one meal, and one act of kindness at a time.

"Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can only be done by projecting the ethic of love to the centre of our lives". ***Martin Luther King, Jr.***

PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D25A/0732/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 24/09/2025
Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Eoghcill, Quarry Road, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18Y6Y0
Permission for a single storey horse stable block (200m2) to the rear of existing dwelling, recontouring of ground, which will enable formation of a new outdoor paddock for horses (50x30m), provision of fencing and external lighting to paddock, new surface water drainage soakaway system, new roofed dungstead (10 m2) and soiled water underground storage tank (8,500 litres); and all ancillary and related site works necessary to facilitate the development.

D25B/0530/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 24/09/2025
Colette & David Condon, 69, Hazelwood, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18X0F6
Permission for attic conversion with hip roof to Half hip Dutch gable to accommodate stairs, with roof windows to rear to allow conversion as non habitable storage space all with associated ancillary works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D25A/0568/WEB Refuse Permission For Retention Date: 10/09/2025
Knockfodda Enterprises Ltd, Brady's Of Shankill, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18E1W0
Permission for Retention of pergola and planter boxes as constructed and Permission to vary Condition No. 2 of planning permission Register Reference D24A/0039 (An Bord Pleanala Reference ABP-321139-24) The development consists of/will consist of; 1) Retention of planter boxes and pergola with retractable roof and timber screening to external seating area as constructed to the southern side of the existing public house. 2) Permission to vary Condition No. 2 of Planning Register Reference No. D24A/0039 (An Bord Pleanala Reference ABP-321139-24), to permit a revised minimum pedestrian footpath width of 1.69 metres along Stonebridge Close adjacent to the planter boxes and pergola, in lieu of the condition requirement for a minimum width of 2.2 metres.

D25B/0428/WEB Grant Permission Date: 15/09/2025
Aisling Fitzpatrick, 61, Stonebridge Court, Shankill, Dublin 18, D18X0K6
Permission for a Single-storey, flat-roof extension to the side and rear of existing dwelling, including two roof lights and a front-facing window, along with the repositioning of the electricity meter box to the front and side.

D25A/0606/WEB Grant Permission Date: 23/09/2025
Maplepond Limited, On lands located at Saint Annes, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18H9V3 (A Protected Structure)
The proposed development will consist of amendments to the permitted residential development Reg. Ref. D23A/0806, which contains an existing residential dwelling known as Saint Anne's (A Protected Structure) as follows:

a) Reconfiguration of Block C to provide a change from the permitted unit mix of 2-bed and 3-bed units, providing an overall increase of 12 no. residential units to now provide for a total of 28 no. 1 bed units within Block C from the previously permitted 16 no. units, increasing the overall gross floor area of Block C from c. 2065.26 sqm to c.2213.43 sqm.

b) Alterations to the ground floor of Block C comprising: removal of the previously permitted communal store; removal of the previously permitted bike store; repositioning of the stair core and lift area and the provision of 1 no. additional lift; the provision of a communal room, a plant room, a cleaner store, a lobby, and a universal WC.

c) The relocation of the previously permitted bin store from the ground floor core of Block C to the north-western side of Block C, the removal of the previously permitted 10 no. visitor bike spaces to the north-western side of Block C, which are to be replaced with 4 no. visitor bike spaces to the north-western side of the revised communal open space area and 4 no. sheltered and secured bike spaces to the north-eastern area of the communal open space area.

d) An overall decrease in the permitted cargo/bike parking spaces from 62 to 34 no. cargo/bike parking spaces.

e) Modifications to the communal open space area reducing from c.338sqm to c.182sqm and the provision of 2 no. areas of outdoor gym equipment.

f) Increase in the size of the public open space area from c.798sqm to c.1157sqm, re-location of the previously permitted natural playground area from the communal open space area to the south-western area of the site, and 2 no. areas of outdoor gym equipment adjacent to the communal open space area.

g) Overall height to remain as permitted at 3-4 storeys.

h) The remainder of the development permitted under Reg. Ref. D23A/0806 will remain unaltered by way of this planning application and no works are proposed to the Protected Structure as part of this application.

D25B/0446/WEB Grant Permission Date: 24/09/2025
Donnchadha and Niamh Reid, 31, Eaton Wood Avenue, Shankill, Dublin, D18V6Y1
Proposal: Conversion of their attic to storage, including changing their existing hipped end roof to a Dutch hipped gable end roof, a dormer window to the rear and a velux roof light to the front all at roof level.

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APPEALS DECISION BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

D25A/0109/WEB Decision: Refuse Permission Decided: 08/09/2025
Council Decision: Refuse permission
Bailey & Snowey Ltd., Greenacre, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18, D18X8C8
Proposal: Demolition of the existing dwelling (c.310 m²) and construction of an infill residential development comprising of 4 No, 2 storey, detached, 5 bedroom houses, all on and off site development works, open space, boundary treatments and landscaping with vehicular and pedestrian access to Ballybride Road, all on site of circa 0.53Ha. at Greenacre, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, Dublin 18, D18X8C8.

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